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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Michael J. Roll, et al. Group Art Unit: 3611
Serial No.: 10/687,168 Examiner: Lerner, Avraham
Filing Date: October 16, 2003 Docket No.: 18789-00121
Title: TRAILER COUPLER ASSEMBLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the first Office Action dated July 1, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due October 1, 2004). As this Response is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing dated October 15, 2004, Applicant herein submits a petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action. The petition and fee for the extension are enclosed herewith and no additional fees appear due. However, if any additional fees are required regarding the filing of this Response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Please reconsider the standing rejections in light of the following amendments and comments.